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Subject: MLPAComments: For MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

To Whom it may concern,

I am a long time advocate of the preservation and protections of Native American history, culture, tradition and rights. I also a supporter of the Pacific Grove based Tidepool Coalition.

The Pt. Pinos Lighthouse Reservation and adjacent tidepools are part of a well known and ancient archeologically sensitive. This unique area currently receives various local, state and federal protections in regards to its biological, scientific, historical, cultural and archeological significances.

The archeological significance relates to the indigenous peoples locally known as the Ohlone/Esselen Nation.

The native Esselens have their tribal history strewn throughout these lands and tidal areas. In fact, within the intertidal area are buried the ancient human remains, artifacts and other evidences of these great peoples.

The Pt. Pinos Tidepool Coalition brings sensitivity and foresight to the various issues surrounding our precious natural resources and native American history. Their efforts to preserve and protect these unique resources have received longtime community support.

As a Native American, I am proud to offer my support and heartfelt appreciation to the Pt. Pinos Tidepool Coalition for their unfailing dedication in preserving and protecting our cultural history and natural resources.

It is my hope that the message carried by the Pt. Pinos Tidepool Coalition will be consolidated into the decided governance by this MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force given the task of designating marine protected area networks along the Central California coast.

Respectfully,  
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